



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 21 July 2024
PENTCOST 9



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This Week.

TakeUs2

Tonight Sunday 6pm 21st July

Adult Fellowship

1.30pm 24th July

What's News



TakeUs2 - Sunday 21st July

We meet at **6pm tonight** for a light meal as we relive a journey with Max and Maureen of their tour in New Zealand. Come along as we travel among mountains, rivers and big trees! Spectacular coasts and volcanic landscape. **Everybody Welcome** – Bring family and friends.
Rosemary



Notes from the Treasurer

Mary and I will be travelling overseas for most of August and September and the Church financial arrangements will be as follows, please note:

1. Ruth Peck as one of our Assistant Treasurers has kindly agreed to do the regular weekly **Banking**. For all of the Sundays in August and September, Stewards please pass the counted Offerings and completed Summary Sheet to her, or in her absence, to one of the others named at the bottom of the Summary Sheet for safekeeping.
2. All **Payments** will be made by past-Treasurer Dennis Wood. Please continue to put any Blue Claim forms (with receipts attached) and any other Invoices in the labelled Treasurers pigeon hole for his attention.
3. We will be on an Arctic Cruise near Greenland for the first few weeks before Canada and the US so we expect to be in occasional email contact!?
David

Cogs n Coffee

Despite rain showers and a cold wind on Wednesday, nine hardy riders made their way to Beckman Street cafe for shelter and enjoyable coffee.

This coming week Brian will be back to lead the ride. Details to members by sms on Monday. *Bruce*

Shared Lunch – Next Sunday 28th July

To mark Gary and Marilyn's last day with us at Seacliff UC.

This will be an opportunity for the Seacliff Community to say goodbye to the Stuckey family. Everybody Welcome. *Annette*

Community Garden

A Gardening Day will be held on the **3rd Saturday of every month from 9.30 - 11.30 - not the 2nd Saturday as previously advertised.**

The first of these will be on **Saturday August 17.**

At this gathering we will need to discuss:

- what to plant this summer including the best location for pumpkins
- replacement of the passion fruit plants and mandarin tree which were stolen
- watering requirements in summer
- management of the herb garden given need for repairs due to leakage (we do have a very good crop of parsley!!)
- weeding around the wicking beds

As well as gardening and discussion there will, of course, always be time for coffee and cake. *Ruth Telfer*

Adult Fellowship

The next meeting for **July 24 at 1.30pm** will be an Open Day to all who can attend to hear our guest speaker from **Operation Flinders.**

The O. F. programs aim to build optimism, belonging, hope and social and emotional wellbeing for young people aged 13 - 18 who come referred from all across South Australia.

Care and Ministry at Seacliff

With the retirement of Rev Gary at the end of July, your Church Council has put in place a number of arrangements for the continuing life of this congregation over the next little while.

We are not expecting that there will be a minister in placement before December at the earliest; we have also resolved that we will not seek to have Supply Ministry in place until October – we believe we are able to sustain our life in this congregation at least for that amount of time. The process of arranging Supply Ministry has begun.

The preaching plan has been prepared for the next 3 months. Please note that the celebration of Holy Communion for those 3 months will be a week earlier than usual; our custom is the 1st Sunday of each month: the next 3 will be on the last Sunday of July, August September. (Things just happened to work out that way!!)

Church Council has put in place arrangements for:

Pastoral Care: if there is a need for particular Pastoral care, including emergencies, please contact Annette Craven; Rev Jim Win will also be available to assist.

Worship: general Sunday arrangements will be under Max's oversight; Maureen will continue the Meditation programme. Oversight will be provided by CC for Small Groups and our discipleship (study/reflection sessions) programme.

Please offer your support in person and in prayer for the people undertaking these various roles on our behalf. It's not a common experience for us – the last time was 5½ years ago. But as a result of Gary's support and encouragement over his 5 years with us, we find ourselves in a good place to be able to undertake this task.

Max.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: 21 July 2024: 2 Sm 7:1 – 14a;

Ps 89: 20 - 37; Eph 2: 11 - 22 ; Mk 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56.

Reminder for Stewards: 28 July 2024

Bob Heywood Margaret Tucker

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.

Fire exits are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to
newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au

by 5pm on Wednesdays.

If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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